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Mayor McCoy: Open Burn Permit Fee Waived

Vernon, Conn., -- Mayor Jason L. McCoy today has announced that the collection of the \$50.00 fee for open burning permits has been waived by Council action at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. The fee collection waiver is for the period of September 8, 2011 to October 3, 2011.

Permits may be applied for during normal business hours at the Fire Marshal's Office, located at 55 West Main Street.

All permits issued during this period must comply with all other standard requirements of any open burning permit. These include:

- Burning is allowed only between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Material to be burned cannot exceed 3 inches in diameter
- Burning may not occur within 100 feet of grassland or woodland areas
- All material to be burned must have come from the residential property on which it is to be burned
- All open fires must be constantly attended and fully extinguished by 5PM

Residents considering obtaining a burn permit are encouraged to use alternative and "Green" methods to dispose of the brush, branches, etc. These may include recycling, chipping, or using the clean hardwood for outdoor fires such as camping or cooking. Residents who do not regularly heat with wood may consider sharing the wood with neighbors or friends who do heat with wood or placing the clean hardwood curbside with a sign offering free firewood.

Additional information about open burning is available by calling the Fire Marshal's Office at 860-870-3652.

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